

Grants awarded under the LGBT Support Fund July 2023
15 grants awarded totalling £226,818

Organisation	Project Title	Grant Amount (£)	Project Description
LGBT Foundation	Operation Equality: Expanding our Support	25000	This grant will enable the LGBT Foundation's Wellbeing Services to expand across the LGBTQ+ armed forces community, building wider peer networks and providing affirming spaces for service users. The funding will be used to expand helpline provision and offer support to veterans who have experienced trauma.
Fighting With Pride	LGBT+ Veterans Media Whizz Buzz	25000	With this grant, FWP will increase capacity to engage with LGBT+ veterans via social media platforms, including online peer support groups, and connect them to support including a helpline, triage services and onward referral to organisations that can support their needs. This will include befriending and support with housing, health, financial and family issues.
Fighting With Pride	LGBT+ Veterans - Rapid Community Response	12000	The project will produce a 'Welcome Pack' and handbook which will inform LGBT+ veterans about the range of services available to them, enabling them to feel part of a valued and welcomed community.

Fighting With Pride	LGBT+ Veterans - North West Boost	25000	This project will provide more veterans' community work resources in the North West of England which is currently under resourced. This will enable FWP to work with organisations to help ensure that their services are accessible to LGBT+ veterans and to reach and support more LGBT+ veterans, serving personnel and families.
Forward Assist	The Safe Zone	25000	The project will provide a trauma-informed 'safe haven', which will empower LGBT+ veterans with the skills needed to have a positive quality of life. The service will cultivate hope and build resilience.
SSAFA	Forcesline support for the veteran LGBTQ+ community	25000	SSAFA will use this grant to uplift the support available through SSAFA's Forcesline, a free and confidential telephone helpline, email service, and online chat service. Forcesline takes a holistic approach, listening, and referring to other SSAFA services or to external organisations.
Sporting Force	GIVING LGBT+ VETERANS A VOICE	10000	The project will offer person centred support and advocacy for the LGBT+ community in the North East & Yorkshire. It will provide safe, welcoming places with dedicated events and activities for the community, including older members of the veteran LGBT+ community. This project builds on an existing model of collaborative working for Armed Forces organisations.

Adferiad Recovery Veterans Services	LGBT+ Veterans Independent Review Support	10000	This grant will supported co-ordinated activity from organisations that support veterans in Wales to develop more specific support for LGBT veterans; which will include supporting activities that will seek to reduce the impact of loneliness within the LGBT veteran community and develop support for veterans who were impacted by the issues raised in the independant review.
Veterans Outreach Support	WELCOME HOME - LBGT+ SUPPORT SERVICE	10000	The Welcome Home service is designed to create a 'fast-track' support service to members of the LGBT+ veteran community in the South East who were impacted by the historic ban. The service offers a 'no wrong door' approach, with dedicated Welfare support for all affected across the VPPP South East region.
The Bridge for Heroes	Project Rainbow	10000	This project will promote LGBTQ+ inclusion in the Eastern region, offer support for those affected by the findings of the review, and support those with mental health needs. The project seeks to ensure that all individuals can thrive and access the support they need, and will work to reduce barriers.
NHS Lothian	Here Now for You	10000	Through the well established Scottish Veterans Wellbeing Alliance, this project will provide response and rapid response for LGBT+ veterans and families. It will also create safe spaces for LGBT+ veterans and families to share experiences, provide peer support and influence service responses and provision.

Defence Medical Welfare Service	Midlands LGBT+ Veteran Support	9818	With this grant DMWS will provide additional welfare support through their Midlands Team in response to veteran needs arising from the LGBT Veterans Independent Review. They will work with Fighting with Pride and wider partners to provide direct support, plus develop a Toolkit with briefings to engage with Midland's organisations and raise awareness.
Broughton House - Veteran Care Village	Northern Pride	10000	This project will provide targeted local support for the LGBT Armed Forces community in the North West, collaborating with Fighting With Pride. This will include work with local organisations to ensure that services are accessible to LGBT veterans and will deliver social inclusion activities to support beneficiaries in the community.
TANVALLY & ANAGHLONE PROJECT	Vital Support for NI LGBT+ Veterans	10000	This project will build upon the successful foundations created by VPPP work in Northern Ireland, with a targeted communication campaign to the LGBT+ veteran community in NI highlighting the specific support available and ensuring that timely, consistent, veteran-specific advocacy, advice and peer-support is available from both FwP and local LGBT+ organisations.
Invictus Games Foundation	Extending a Brighter Futures for Veterans	10000	This grant will fund an LGBT Veterans Community Worker for the South West region. This role will allow the South West community to increase LGBT veteran support, by further developing direct links and established pathways to clinical and wellbeing service providers.
TOTAL AWARDED	£226,818		